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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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3. PERIOD COVERED	4. REPORTING OFFICE Seattle 1/20/87

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